# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

## **Ways & Means Committee**

### **HB 1878**

**Brief Description**: Authorizing the transfer of accumulated leave of employees of the state school for the blind and the school for the deaf.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Jacks, Driscoll, Maxwell, Wallace, Quall, Green, Darneille, Moeller and Kenney; by request of Washington State School for the Blind.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Authorizes transfer of accumulated leave between the Washington State School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf and other educational entities

Hearing Date: 2/19/09

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#### Background:

State and school district employees earn leave time for vacations, illness, and other purposes. Accumulated leave of certificated and classified employees is transferrable to and from one school district to another, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Educational Service Districts (ESDs).

In 2008 the Legislature extended this transferability to the K-12 and higher education schools. However, K-12 and ESD employees cannot transfer their accumulated leave if they accept employment at the Washington State School for the Blind or the Washington School for the Deaf, which are state agencies. Similarly, employees of these schools lose their accumulated leave if they transfer to a K-12 school or ESD.

#### **Summary of Bill**:

The transfer of accumulated leave of K-12 and ESD employees to and from the Washington State School for the Blind and School for the Deaf is authorized.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Preliminary fiscal note available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.

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